

We claim:

1. A messaging method comprising:  
generating a message; and  
5 automatically attaching to the message a location stamp indicating an origin  
of the message, wherein the location stamp is attached without user intervention.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
activating a locating device that provides location information; and  
10 generating the location stamp to indicate the location information.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the locating device is a GPS device, and  
the location information includes longitude and latitude values.
- 15 4. The method of claim 1, wherein generating the message comprises the  
user generating the message.
- 20 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the message includes a voice message  
from the user.
6. The method of claim 4, wherein the message includes a text message  
that the user entered.
- 25 7. The method of claim 1, wherein a mobile unit generates the message and  
attaches the location stamp.
8. The method of claim 7, further comprising transmitting the message  
from the mobile unit to a receiving station.
- 30 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the transmitting is via a wireless  
communication system.

10. The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting the message with the location stamp to a receiving station.

5           11. The method of claim 10, further comprising determining at the receiving station whether a location identified by the location stamp is correct for an action identified from the message.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the action is a delivery.

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13. The method of claim 11, wherein the action is a charge to an account.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the charge is a credit card charge.

15           15. The method of claim 10, further comprising validating an identity of a sender of the message from the location stamp.

16. The method of claim 10, further comprising:  
intercepting the message at a processing center before the message reaches  
20 the receiving station; and at the processing center  
converting the location stamp into a form suitable for the receiving station.

17. A system comprising:  
a transmitter;  
25 a locating device; and  
a control unit coupled to the transmitter, wherein for each message transmitted from the transmitter, the control unit receives location information from the locating device and attaches a location stamp to the message.

30           18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the locating device comprises a global satellite positioning (GPS) device.

19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the transmitter comprises a wireless telephone system.